GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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PER CAPITA AVAILABILITY OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether per capita availability of foodgrains during 2000-2001 was less than the required quantity for a healthy person; and

(b) if so, the extent to which it is less than the required quantity and the steps taken by the Government to meet the shortfall?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a)&(b): No, Sir. The requirement of foodgrains for a person is based on the energy requirement. It differs from person to person based on the age group, sex and type of work performed namely sedentary, moderate or heavy work. As per the study conducted by the Expert Group of Indian Council of Medical Research in 1989the per capita requirement of cereals in the country is 159 kg per year taking the average household size as 5.51 (1991 census). As against this the per capita availability of foodgrains in India during 2000-2001 was 181.48 kg per year.